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SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THAT IS
DANGER-
OUS!

WE'RE RE-
TREATING
FROM HERE!

THIS
GUY... HE
CLOSED
THE
DISTANCE
IN AN
INSTANT...!

Chapter 31: Powerful Attack

TL: nelo





BUT WHAT
WAS THAT
JUST NOW...
WE CLOSED
THE DISTANCE
IN AN INSTANT...



IT'S
SIMILAR
TO WHEN
THE TOO-
SU-MEN
KING TRANS-
FORMED

AND THIS
SENSE OF
UNEASE...



THAT WAS
CLOSE. I
ALMOST BLEW
HELIX'S
FACE OFF.

ARE YOU
OKAY?

Y,
YEAH...
THANKS.



FINE,
TAKE PITY
AND RUN.



ESCAPING
FROM HIM
IS GOING
TO BE
DIFFICULT.

I'LL TAKE
IT FROM
HERE.





YEAH.

THAT ONE'S NOT NORMAL...
I'LL COME BACK TO SUPPORT YOU AFTER I TAKE PITY AWAY FROM HERE.

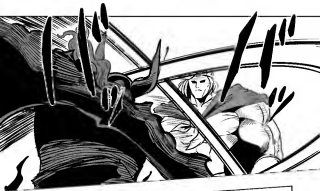
...OK, BUT DON'T BE RECKLESS



GOOM!
PIIYI!









EVEN WITH THE DIFFERENCE IN GEAR, TO THINK THAT THAT SOMEONE WHO COULD FIGHT HELCK THIS WELL EXISTED IN A LAND LIKE THIS...

THERE'S NO DOUBT... HE'S THE WARRIOR OF DARKNESS THAT WOMAN WAS TALKING ABOUT...



STRONG... HE DODGED THAT HELCK'S ATTACK AND EVEN INJURED HIM...



I'VE FACED MANY ENEMIES THIS FAR, BUT THIS IS A FIRST...

THE SHADOW WRAPPING AROUND HIM, HIS ABILITY TO MOVE INSTANTLY

NO, HE'S NOT JUST STRONG... WHAT IS THIS FEELING OF UNEASE THAT I'M GETTING FROM THAT WARRIOR?



I HAVE TO HURRY AND GIVE BACKUP!

DAMN IT... IT'S JUST LIKE WITH THE TOGOSH-MEN KING.. I'M SO ANNOYED THAT I CAN'T SIT STILL...











HE SHOULD BE TAKING
MANY OF
HELCKI'S
ATTACKS
BUT STILL
SHOWS NO
SIGN OF
GOING
DOWN.

HE HAS
POWER,
REACTION
SPEED,
STAMINA,
AND PRETTY
GOOD
DEFENSES.
HE MIGHT
EVEN BE
ABLE TO
REGENER-
ATE.



A HALF-
ASSED
ATTACK
WOIN'T
CUT IT.



WE CAN'T
DEFEAT HER
UNLESS WE
HIT HIM WITH
SOMETHING
POWERFUL!



HELCKI!
GET
BACK!



THEN
I'LL USE
THIS!





AN ORDINARY NEW
WORLD ORGANISM
WOULD HAVE BEEN
KILLED IN ONE HIT
FROM THAT ATTACK...

IT DIDN'T
WORK AT
ALL...





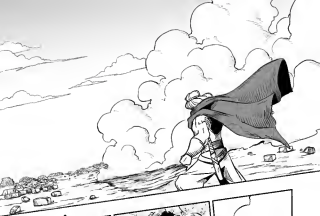


WAY!!



KILL...
WHAT
POWER...







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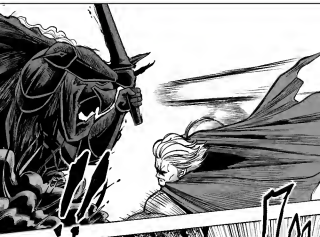














SPL: CRACK!

HE IS AN
EXISTENCE
THAT IS A
GREATER
THREAT THAN
YOU REALIZE.

THAT MAN
CALLED
HELGA.

T/2

T/2

T/2

T/2

T/2

12

IT'S
OK FOR
NOW.

HE
SHOULD
SERVE
AS A
POWER-
FULL
ALLY.

BUT
THERE IS
NO GUAR-
ANTEES
THAT IT
WILL
LAST



HIS WAY
FORWARD
IS DARK-
NESS.

THAT
MAN HIDES
WITHIN HIM A
POSSIBILITY
OF CALLING
FORTH GREAT
GALAMITY.

I PRAY THAT
YOU MAKE
THE RIGHT
DECISION.

WE
CAN'T
BEAT
HIM!

THAT'S
ENOUGH!
HELCK!
WE'RE
FALLING
BACK!



STOP
FIGHT-
ING!
DON'T
USE ANY
MORE OF
YOUR
STRENGT
H!

HELCK!



CAN'T
YOU
HEAR
ME!?

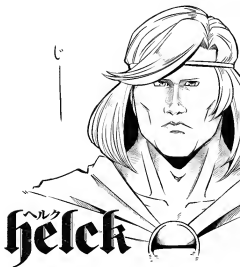
HELCK
!!



PI- PI- PYOEH-
 E~ E~ E~E~







Chapter 33: Ballad of the Wandering Minstrel

TL: reilo





LORELEI



THE
BLOOD-
LUST
VAM-
PIRE...



DID
HECK
BEAT
HIM...?

WHY DID
THE DARK
WARRIOR
STOP
MOVING...?



BUT
DOESN'T
THAT MEAN
I MADE THE
SITUATION
WORSE!?



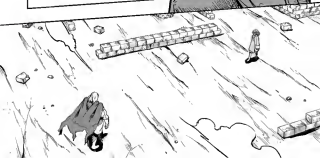
SINGING
ONCE-CHUN!
SHE TOLD
ME TO SING
IT IF IT
GETS DAN-
GEROUS!



THIS
PLACE
WAS
FAR!



S. SO...
PLAY'S
MUSIC
WAS
WHAT...

















.....



THAT WAS
THE BEGIN-
NING OF
ONE
DESTRUC-
TION.

IT
AS THE SCALE
OF THE WAR
GROW LARGER,
THE ANGER THAT
STEMMED
RELEASED THE
SEAL ON
[CURSE OF DARKNESS.] THE
FORGOTTEN
CURSE THAT
SLAY IN THIS
LAND.

THE CURSE
ENDED THE
WAR BETWEEN
THE TWO
COUNTRIES
BUT BROUGHT
ABOUT THEIR
FALL.

THE KINGDOM'S
SOLDIERS
OBTAINED POWER
FROM THE CURSE
OF DARKNESS.
THEIR APPEARANCE
CHANGED AND
THEY LOSE THEIR MINDS,
AND THEN BEGAN
TO KILL WITHOUT
DISTINCTION.



THOSE WHO
FLED FROM
THE CURSE
OF DARKNESS
DESPERATELY
FOUGHT BACK
IN ORDER TO
SURVIVE.

NOT
WAS
POWER
LESS
BEFORE
THE
CURSE.

THE
MONSTERS
FARMAGED
IN HAD
NESS.



THE ONLY
OPTION
WAS TO
KILL
ON THE
SAME
ORBIT
AGAINST
THEM.

BECAUSE
THE
RISK OF
CREATING
A
NEW
MON-
STER.



THERE
WAS ONLY
ONE WAY
OUT.



THAT
THOUGHT
ALONE
HAD
BUT
ALLOWED
ME
TO
KEEP MY
SANITY.

WANTED TO
SAVE THEM,
ONE WITH IT
THEY WOULD
HAVE TO BE
DESTROYED.
THERE WAS
SOMEONE
THAT I
WANTED TO
SAVE.

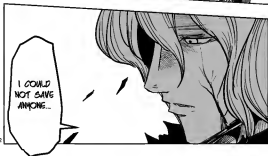


STOP



OUT









IT IS SLIGHTLY
CURSED
BUT YOU
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
WIELD IT

IT
IS MY
APOLOGY

...

CURSE



SORRY
...
THANKS
...

IT WILL NO
DOUBT BE
OF USE TO
PLEASE
YOU IN THE
BATTLE
TO COME

I FEEL
THAT YOU
DO NOT
WALK THE
SAME PATH
AS I

I WISH
YOU
LUCK

A character with dark hair, wearing a dark, ornate outfit with a large cape, looks down with a serious expression. The outfit has intricate patterns and a large, dark, star-shaped emblem on the chest.





I WAS WORRIED
SO I FOLLOWED
YOU.



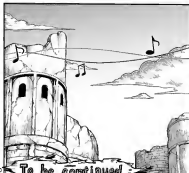
I DIDN'T...
THINK
THERE
COULD BE
ANYONE
WHO
COULD
SAVE HIM.

YOU ARE
STRONG
...









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Chapter 34: Tooru Castle

TL: refo



TOORU CASTLE





YOU
JUST
CAN'T
GET
ENOUGH,
CAN YOU?

FOUND
YOU.
FIGHT
ME!



SIX FIGHTS,
SIX LOSSES.
ARE YOU
REALLY
GETTING
STRONGER?

MAYBE
YOU
ALREADY
HIT YOUR
LIMIT?

SHUT IT! I
WON'T LOSE
THIS TIME!

TOORU CASTLE
FIRST BRIGADE LEADER
IMMORTAL HYURA

HERO EVIL



SERIOUS



OHMM
...
THEY
SAY.



WOOO
HH!

GO
GET EM
HYURA
-SAN!

AS STATED IN AGUTAN'S REPORT, THE HUMANS LAUNCHED ANOTHER ATTACK ON UURUM CASTLE.

THIS ATTACK WAS INTERCEPTED BY A HASTILY PUT TOGETHER DEFENSE FORCE.

UURUM
CASTLE

TOORU
CASTLE
HUMAN TERRITORY

EIGHT DAYS
AFTER
THE INCIDENT AT
UURUM CASTLE.

THE SAME
DAY, A RAIDING
PARTY LED BY
AZLOORA-SAMA
RETOOK TOORU
CASTLE.

CONSIDERING
THE IMPORTANCE
OF ITS LOCATION,
WE SET ABOUT
REPAIRING THE
CASTLE AND
STRENGTHENING
ITS DEFENSES
IN ORDER TO
FEND OFF THE
HUMAN'S
HEIGHTENED
ASSAULT.

AND
ONE
MONTH
HAS
PASSED
SINCE
THEN.



WITH THEIR RISK OF DEATH GONE, HUMANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS FACT AND DIVIDED UP THEIR FORCES IN ORDER TO ATTACK IN WAVES.

IN THIS BRIEF PERIOD, WE MANAGED TO FEND OFF THEIR ATTACKS THIRTEEN TIMES.

TOORU CASTLE

[HUMAN WORLD] BEYOND HYDRAFIELD

THE HEROES HAVE CONTINUED TO REVIVE.



HOWEVER, THE LAST MINUTE DEFENDERS WERE COMPRISED OF THE CONTESTANTS OF THE NEW DEMON KING TOURNAMENT. AS SUCH, THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROWESS WAS WHAT OVERCAME THE ENEMY.

THEIR ATTACKS WERE RELENTLESS

NOW THAT OUR DEFENSES HAVE BEEN PROPERLY ESTABLISHED, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REPEL THE HUMAN FORCES WITH MINIMAL CASUALTIES.



AL-
RIGHT!

THE MORE
THEY FIGHT,
THE
STRONGER
THEY
BECOME.

BUT OUR
OPPO-
NENTS
ARE
HEROES.

PSY

FOR NOW,
WE HOLD THE
ADVANTAGE. BUT
IF THE HEROES
CONTINUE
TO GROW, IT
WILL BECOME
IMPOSSIBLE TO
FACE THEM WITH
JUST US ALONE.

WE HAVE TO
FINISH THE
REPAIRS ON
THE CASTLE
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AND
MOVE ON TO
THE NEXT
PLAN.

"ALRIGHT"
MY ASS

BECAUSE
EVERYONE
ELSE IS
ANNOYED
AS WELL...

BUT NOW'S
NOT THE TIME
FOR ME TO
BE WEAK...

IT'S
TIMES
LIKE THIS
THAT I
HAVE TO
BE
STRONG

THINKING
OF THE
DAYS AHEAD
MAKES ME
WORRIED AND
FEARFUL...

DAMN
IT...



ALRIGHT!
I WAS
WAITING
FOR
THIS!



.....



I SAW
IT! I
COULDN'T
SEE IT!

OH, DID
YOU SEE
MY
INVISIBLE
ATTACK?

THEN
I'LL BE
EATING
FIRST.

I'M
GONNA
FIGHT
SOME
MORE!

MY STOM-
ACH'S
GROWL-
ING.
WOOF!
WOOF!



HELLO!
EVERYONE,
IT'S TIME
FOR YOUR
MEALS!

HELLO!
EVERYONE,
IT'S TIME
FOR YOUR
MEALS!



THEY'RE
PROBABLY...
WORRIED...



.....

BADGE
ONE!
BADGE
TWO!

"WHIS-
TLE"



INJURED
PEOPLE
THIS WAY
PLEASE.

HEY LOOK!
LOOK AT
THIS
WOUND!

"WHIS-
TLE"
IT'S A
BADGE OF
HONOR!



YES.
GOOD WORK.

AZUDORA-
SAMA. IT
LOOKS LIKE
WE WERE
ABLE TO
HOLD THEM
OFF AGAIN
WITHOUT ANY
SIGNIFICANT
LOSSES.



I BELIEVE ALL
OF THEM WILL
PREPARE A
SMALL WINDOW
WHERE THEY
CAN COMMIT
SUICIDE BEFORE
SETTING OUT TO
ATTACK US.

AS
EXPECTED,
IT SEEMS
THEY ARE
SETTING UP
MEASURES
TO PREVENT
BEING TAKEN
PRISONER.

WHETHER
ITS BY
SUICIDE OR
THE SUDDEN
APPEAR-
ANCE OF
THEIR ONE-
CUTTING
FORCES, MOST
OF THEM MAN-
AGED TO ELUDE US

HOWEVER, IF
I MAY, THE
NUMBER OF
WOUNDED
SOLDIERS
THAT WE'VE
MANAGED TO
CAPTURE IS
ONLY FIVE.



PLEASE
EXCUSE
ME.

YES.
COME IN.



INDEED

ALTHOUGH I
WANTED TO
WEAKEN THEIR
FORCES AS MUCH
AS POSSIBLE
BEFORE THE
COMING BATTLE...

I GUESS
WE WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO
EXPECT
ANYTHING
MORE FROM
THE PLAN TO
CAPTURE
PRISONERS.



OH OH,
THEY'RE
PRETTY
RELIABLE!

AS
EXPECT-
ED OF
THOSE
AIMING
TO BE
DEMON
KING!
OUR
CITIZENS
WON'T
LOSE TO
THOSE
HEROES!

1ST BRIGADE
LEADER HYURA
INCREASED HER
LEVEL TO 52,
1ST BRIGADE
SOLDIER RUBERO
TO 44, AND
3RD BRIGADE
SOLDIER
REPERUS TO 46,
RESPECTIVELY.

ON A
SIDE NOTE,
I'VE ALSO
MEASURED
THE POWER
LEVELS OF
OUR OWN
SOLDIERS.

SEEMS
THAT WAY.

WE SHOULD
BE GOOD
FOR A BIT
LONGER!

11

MUST
BE MY
MAGI-
CITY...

NO...

I'VE
TOLD YOU
THAT YOU
SHOULD
BE DEE-
ING.

THANKS
FOR THE
REPORT!
I
SHOULD
BE GET-
TING TO
MY DAILY
ROUTINE
THEN!

IS
SOME-
THING
THE
MATTER?



THANKS.
YOU CAN
LEAVE IT
THERE.

AZUDORA
-SAMA!
I'VE
BROUGHT
YOU YOUR
TEA!



EXCUSE
ME!

YES,
COME
IN.



THAT'S A LIE.
AZUDORA-SAMA
IS FEELING
TIRED.



NO, IT'S
OKAY. I'M
FINE. NO
PROBLEMS
WHATSOEVER.

AZUDORA
-SAMA, AREN'T
YOU TIRED
FROM USING
SO MUCH
MAGIC
EVERY
DAY?



QUIET
YOU!



QUIET
YOU!

YOU
SAID THAT LIES.
LAST TIME
BUT STILL
ENDED UP
DOING IT
EVERY DAY.



YES,
I'M
AWAKE.

IF TODAY'S
ATTEMPT
DOESN'T
WORK, I'LL
STOP USING
SEARCH
MAGIC DAILY.

PLEASE
DON'T PUSH
YOURSELF
TOO HARD.

IF YOU
COLLAPSE, IT
WILL HAVE AN
EFFECT ON
TROOP
MORALE.





THE,
THE
FIGURE
IS ON
TOP OF
THE
MAP!

WHA
AA!!



I KNEW
IT... I
KNEW IT!
VAMIRIO-
CHAN!

SHE
CROSS-
ED THE
OCEAN
...!



SHE
MOVED!
VAMIRIO-
CHAN
MOVED!

THANK
YOU!

CONGRAT-
ULATIONS!

YOU
DID IT!
AZUDO-
RA-
SAMAI



UNDER-
STOOD!

THERE
SHOULD BE
A MORE
ACCURATE
MAP OF THE
CONTINENT'S
SOUTHERN
REGION!
HOW
HAVE IT
PRE-
PARED
IMMEDI-
ATELY!

EVV! THIS
IS NO TIME
TO BE
RESTING!

To be continued



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Chapter 35: Trust

TL: nelo



THAT
DAMN
MUTT! HE
RIPS INTO
ME WITH
THOSE
BIZARRE
WEAP-
ONS!



SHIT!
THEY'RE
TREAT-
ING US
LIKE
FOOLS!



STOP
BEING SO
LOUD,
YOU'RE
NOISY.

NEXT TIME
WE MEET,
I'LL KILL
HIM FOR
SURE!



SHE'S
STRONG.
DEFEATING
HER WON'T
BE EASY.

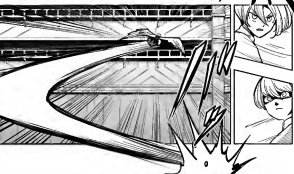


LOOK AT
YOU,
BEING SO
CALM!

YOU KEEP
LOSING TO
THAT DEMON
WOMAN TOO!









THE
PRES-
ENCE
VAN-
ISHED...



.....



I'M NOT
SURE. IT
COULD
JUST BE IN
MY HEAD.

IS
IT AN
INTRUD-
ER?!



WE MAY
HAVE A
BUT IN
OUR
MIDST.

NO, LET'S
IN-
CREASE
THE SECUR-
ITY.

.....



I SHOULD
BE MORE
CAREFUL
FROM
NOW ON...

I SEE... THEY
REALLY ARE
GROWING AS
HEROES...



THAT WAS
DAN-
GER-
OUS...

TO THINK
HE WOULD
NOTICE MY
PRESENCE...
I LET MY
GUARD
DOWN
A BIT.



ALIDORA
-SAMA,
WE'VE
PREPARED A
THREE-MAN
SEARCH
PARTY. THEY
ARE READY
TO DEPLOY
AT ANY TIME.

OKAY.



IF HER COURSE
PROGRESSES
SMOOTHLY, WE
MIGHT BE ABLE
TO FIND VAMIRIO
-CHAN IN THE
GRASSLANDS
HERE.

THIS
MOST LIKELY
MEANS THAT
SHE KNOWS
WHICH DIREC-
TION IS THE
WAY TO THE
EMPIRE.

BUT HER
CURRENT PATH
IS GOOD.
SHE'S HEADING
STRAIGHT FOR
THE EMPIRE.







WAIT A
MINUTE...

ALWAYS
TOGETHER!?



EVEN IF IT'S
THAT WERD
HELCK, IT WILL
BE HARD FOR
HIM TO FOOL
VAMIRCO-SAMA
WHILE THEY'RE
ALWAYS
TOGETHER...

TRUE
...



HAVING
HELCK-SAN
AS OUR
ALLY WILL
BE REALLY
REASSURING!

THEN IT
WOULD
BE
GOOD IF
HE'S
WITH
HER?



HEY IS
HEY OUT
ALREADY?

WERE YOU NOT
THINKING THAT
HELCK WAS
NOT AN ENEMY
FROM THE
VERY BEGINNING?

BUT
AZUDORA
-SAMA.

HM?



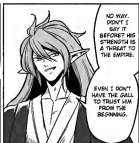
YES.

TRUST IS
SOMETHING
THAT IS
BUILT
GRADUALLY
OVER TIME.



BUT,

I WANTED
TO TRUST
HIM.



NO WAY.
DON'T I
SAID IT
BEFORE? HIS
STRENGTH IS
A THREAT TO
THE EMPIRE.

EVEN I DON'T
HAVE THE GALL
TO TRUST HIM
FROM THE
BEGINNING.



IS IT NOT
SAD? WE CAN
SPEAK TO ONE
ANOTHER, YET
THE ONLY
RELATIONSHIP
THAT EXISTS
BETWEEN US
IS KILLING.



10



FORGIVE
ME....
FRIEND.

IF
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS
HADN'T
HAPPENED, I
WOULDN'T
WISH TO
ESTABLISH A
FRIENDSHIP
WITH THEM
ONCE MORE.









AND YET, EVEN
TODAY, I'M
BORROWING HIS
STRENGTH FREELY...

JUST HOW RUDE
CAN I BE...







OHAY, IT
SHOULD BE
READY.





IT WAS
ORIGINALLY
A LONG
SWORD.



THIS ISN'T
A SIMPLE
DAGGER.



THIS IS
IT'S BROKEN
REMAINS.

A SWORD
CALLED
"HERO
KILLER."



AS THE NAME
IMPLIES, IT'S A
WEAPON THAT
CAN INFLECT
FATAL INJURY
ON A HERO.

RIGHT NOW, IT'S
LOST THE MAGIC
THAT IT ONCE
HELD, BUT IT
SHOULD STILL
HAVE THE POWER
TO KILL HEROS.



HERO
KILLER?



I WANT TO
GIVE THIS
TO YOU.



WAIT!
HELCK!
LET ME SAY
SOMETHING
BEFORE-
HAND!

W,

JUST IN
CASE, I
WANT
YOU TO...

DON'T TELL
ME... HE
NOTICED HOW
UNEASY I
WAS AND...



S, SO
DON'T
GIVE ME
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT!

DON'T!
STUPID!!

OR THAT
YOU
ATTACKED
ALL BY
YOUR-
SELF!

I'M
SORRY!

TRUE, I
HAD MY
SUSPICIONS
ABOUT
YOU IN
THE
BEGINNING!

I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
A SPY
FROM THE
HUMAN
KINGDOM!

EH?

OH...



BUT IT'S
DIFFERENT
NOW! I DON'T
THINK OF
YOU AS
AN ENEMY
ANYMORE!

THAT'S THE
DECISION I'VE
MADE AFTER
TRAVELING
WITH YOU ALL
THIS TIME AND
SEEING WHO
YOU ARE!

ON TOP OF
COOKING AND
CARRYING THE
LUGGAGE,
THERE'S MUCH
MORE THAT I'M
THANKFUL
TO YOU FOR!





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Chapter 36: Helck's Past I

TL: rezo









AM? ARE
YOU TRYING TO
DEFY US?

KU KU
KU. HE'S
HERE.



PLEASE
STOP.



WE CAN
HAVE A
SMALLER
HOUSE
LIKE THIS
COMPLETELY
DESTROYED.

IF US
NOBLE
WANTED
TO.

RIGHT?



HEH HEH
AS F.

YEAH.
THERE'S
NO WAY.



AM
REALLY?

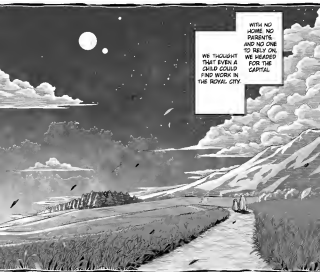


THAT'S NOT IT.
BUT IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
BEAT HIM,
THEN PLEASE
HIT ME
INSTEAD.



WE DID NOT HAVE PARENTS.







THE MASSIVE
GAP BETWEEN
THE RICH AND
THE POOR
MEANT THAT
THE POOR
WERE TREATED
WORSE THAN
CATTLE.

BUT THE
CAPITAL
WAS A
WORLD FAR
REMOVED
FROM OUR
EXPECTA-
TIONS.



EVEN THOUGH
IT WAS
UNSANITARY
AND IMPOSSIBLE
TO BUY A
PROPER MEAL,
HE THOUGHT IT
WAS MUCH
BETTER THAN
LIVING UNDER
THE CONSTANT
THREAT OF
MONSTER
ATTACKS.

WE LIVED
IN THE
SLUMS AT
THE EDGE
OF THE
CAPITAL.

OF
COURSE,
THERE
WAS NO
WAY THAT
WE COULD
LEAD
NORMAL
LIVES.

BUT EVEN
SO, WE
WERE
DETER-
MINED TO
MAKE A
LIVING
HERE.



ORA
A!



GYA
HA
HA

SEE YA,
TAMASHI-KUN.



LET'S GO.
WE MIGHT
GET THEIR
STENCH
ON US.

THIS
GUY CAN
REALLY
TAKE A
BEATING.
MY
WOODEN
SWORD
BROKE.



YEP,
I'M FINE.

NI-CHAN,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

WELL,
I DIDN'T
CARE ABOUT
BEING
BEATEN OR
OCCURRED.
INSULTED AS
LONG AS
CLESS WAS
OKAY.

NOBLES
PICKING ON
THE POOR
WAS A
COMMON
BEATEN OR
OCCURRENCE.



I HAD
DECIDED
THAT I
WOULD
PROTECT
CLESS.
NO
BROTHER
MATTER
AFTER
ALL, THE
ONLY ONE
IN THE
WORLD.

DON'T
CRY,
CLESS.
YOU'RE A
GUY,
AREN'T
YOU?

I'M SORRY
NI-CHAN. IT'S
BECAUSE I
MADE EYE
CONTACT
WITH THE
NOBLES...



I'M TELLING
YOU I'M FINE.
YOU KNOW
THAT YOUR
BROTHER IS
TOUGH,
RIGHT?

SEE,
LOOK.



BUT
NI-CHAN
IS MORE
BEATEN
UP THAN
I AM.

AREN'T
YOU THE
SAME
WAY?

BUT
NI-CHAN
GOT ALL
BLOODY
BECAUSE
OF ME...



To be continued



LOOKING
BACK ON
IT NOW,
YOU'RE
PROBABLY
RIGHT.

BUT BACK
THEN, I JUST
THOUGHT
THAT I WAS A
LITTLE MORE
STURDY THAN
MOST PEOPLE.



YOU
THAT
MEANS
YOU'VE
AWAK-
ENED AS
A HERO!

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I CAN'T
REMEMBER
WHEN IT
WAS THAT I
AWAKENED.

WHEN
WAS IT I
WONDER.



GORRY.
PLEASE
CONTINUE.

BEFORE
THAT,
WOULD YOU
LIKE SOME
MORE HOT
CHOCOLATE?

AH,
THANK
S.



HE MUST'VE
AWAKENED
BEFORE
MATURING.

HE GREW
UP WITH HIS
LIMITS AS
A HUMAN
REMOVED. NO
WONDER HE'S
SO STRONG.

.....



OTHER TIMES, THEY WOULD TRASH OUR HOME. ONCE, THEY EVEN SET IT ON FIRE.

THE NOBLES' HARASSMENT CONTINUED. SOMETIMES, THEY WOULD DIRTY OUR FOOD WITH SEWAGE.



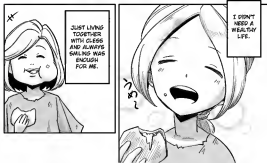
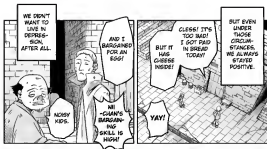
THERE WAS A TIME THAT I WENT TO THE NORMAL ROAD AND ALMOST DIED AFTER RUNNING INTO A DRUNK NOBLE.

ON THE SAME DAY, ONE OF THEM ROBBED ME OF MY WAGES FOR THAT DAY.

NO MATTER WHAT TERRIBLE THINGS WE HAD TO GO THROUGH, THAT WAS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE WE COULD SURVIVE.

OUTSIDE, MONSTERS APPEARED IN LARGE NUMBER AND DEATH WAS EVERYWHERE.

EVEN IN THOSE AFKUL SURROUNDINGS, LEAVING THE CAPITAL WAS NOT AN OPTION.





I DON'T
THINK HE'LL
SURVIVE
THIS SICK-
NESS. NOT
WITH A KID'S
BODY.

HIS IMMUNE
SYSTEM WAS
WEAKENED
BECAUSE OF
A LACK OF
NUTRIENTS.

BUT...
MISFORTUNE
FOUND US
AGAIN ONE DAY
IN WINTER.

GLESS!
WAKE UP!



I'M NOT A
DOCTOR. I
CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
FOR HIM.

NO... IS
THERE NO
WAY??



TONIGHT
WILL BE
CRUCIAL. IT
MIGHT BE
PAINFUL BUT
YOU SHOULD
PREPARE
YOURSELF.



THERE'S BEEN
AN INFUX OF
REFUGEES.
MEANING NO
FOOD LEFT
FOR US.

DON'T
BLAME
YOURSELF.
THERE WAS
NOTHING
YOU COULD
DO ABOUT
THAT.



IT'S MY
FAULT... IF I
JUST FED HIM
SOME MORE,
THEN HE
WOULDN'T
HAVE ENDED
UP LIKE
THIS...



YOU
JUST
HAVE
TO
ACCEPT
IT AS
FATE.

CHILDREN
AND ELDERLY
HAVE BEEN
DROPPING
LEFT AND
RIGHT.

THAT
KID'S
NOT THE
ONLY ONE.



CLESS, I'M GONNA TAKE YOU TO A DOCTOR. RIGHT NOW! IT'LL BE A LITTLE ROUGH BUT HANG IN THERE!



SCREW FATE! I WON'T HAVE IT!

I WON'T LET CLESS DIE!



IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE MONEY!

H, HEY! DON'T DO IT.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT A DOCTOR WILL TAKE A LOOK AT PEOPLE LIKE US!



WAIT! DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP!

IF IT'S MONEY, THEN I HAVE A LITTLE SAVED UP. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR WHEN WE LEFT THIS PLACE.



DON'T DO IT!



HEY!



NORRIS'S GONNA HELP THE POOR!

PEOPLE HERE THINK OF US AS STRAY DOGS! SOME EVEN THINK IT'S BETTER FOR US TO DIE!



I STARTED
WALKING
TOWARDS
AN
UNFAMILIAR
PART OF
TOWN.

BUT I DIDN'T
GIVE UP. I
DIDN'T WANT
TO GIVE UP.

CLESS...
SORRY,
HOLD ON
FOR JUST A
BIT LONGER.

HI-CHAN

CLESS

SORRY...
FOR
ALWAYS
CAUSING
YOU
TROUBLE...

HI-CHAN

THERE'S A LOT
OF PEOPLE IN
THE CAPITAL.
YOU KNOW
THERE'S BOUND
TO BE SOMEONE
WHO'LL BE NICE
TO US. DON'T
WORRY.

STAY
STRONG...
YOUR
BROTHER'S
GONNA FIND
A DOCTOR
FOR YOU
REAL SOON.

YEAH

YEAH

WHAT ARE
YOU TALK-
ING ABOUT.
YOU'VE
NEVER
DONE ANY-
THING LIKE
THAT.



LIVING
WITH THE
MONSTERS
JUST MIGHT
BE BETTER.

AND
RAATHER
THAN BEING
DISCREDIT-
ED AND
HARRASSED
ALL THE
TIME.

IT'S ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE FOR
US TO GET FOOD
ANYMORE. AND
EVEN IF I WORK
ALL DAY, I ONLY
GET POCKET
CHANGE.

HA
HA
HA!

HEY CLESS.
IT MIGHT BE
A BIT EARLY,
BUT LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE ONCE
IT GETS
WARMER.



YOUR
BROTHER
WILL TRAIN
SO HARD
THAT HE
WON'T LOSE
TO ANY OF
THEM!

BANDITS AND
MONSTERS
MIGHT BE
SCARY, BUT
DON'T WORRY.

WE'LL
BUILD A
HOUSE.
START A
FIELD, AND
LIVE ON
OUR OWN.

I'VE SAID
IT BEFORE,
RIGHT?
WE'LL FIND
A GOOD
PLACE TO
LIVE AND
START A
NEW LIFE
THERE.



...
CLESS?

YOUR
BROTHER
WILL
PROTECT
YOU.

NI-
CHIN
...



CLESS
...?





**DON'T DIE!
YOU CAN'T
DIE IN A
PLACE
LIKE THIS!**



**I RAN AW
IF I WAS
OUT OF MY
MIND.**



**PLEASE
SHOW
US TO A
DOCTOR!**



**I HAVE
MONEY!**



**PLEASE
HELP US!
ANYONE!
MY
BROTHER
IS SICK!**

**I BEGGED
JUST
ABOUT
EVERYONE
FOR
HELP.**



**MY
BROTHER!!
PLEASE
SAVE
GUS!!**

**I'M
BEG-
GING
YOU!**









FATHER,
BIG TROUBLE.

A KID IN
DIRTY RAGS
SAID HE
MIGHT DIE.



HURRY,
HE'S
GONNA
DIE, YOU
KNOW?

YOU
LITTLE...
I'VE TOLD
YOU TO
SPEAK
MORE LADY-
LIKE WHEN
OUTSIDE...

BUT MY
VOICE HAD
REACHED THE
EARS OF A
LITTLE GIRL.

WHAT'S
WRONG?
ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?

I HAD
GIVEN UP
HOPE.



BUT THE
PARTY
IS...

BRING
UP THE
CAR-
RAGE.

SEND
WORD
THAT I
WILL NOT
BE ATTEND-
ING.

MUST
BE AN
ILLNESS.
HE'S
SEVERELY
WEAKENED.

LET'S
TAKE HIM
TO A
DOCTOR
RIGHT
AWAY.



JUST A BIT
LONGER AND
IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
DANGEROUS.

CLERE'S
LIFE WAS
SAVED.



BUT NONE
OF THAT
MATTERED
ANYMORE.

I FELT ONLY
GRATITUDE
TOWARDS
THE NOBLE
WHO HAD
SAVED US.

THANK
YOU!
THANK
YOU!



THE PERSON
WHO SAVED
HIM WAS A
NOBLE, THE
NOBLE WHO
HARASSED
AND ABUSED
US.



THANK
YOU!

THANK
YOU!

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To be continued

MY FATE
BEGAN TO
CHANGE
GREATLY.

AND
AFTER
THAT
MEETING
WITH THE
NOBLE,

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BUT IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
TO KILL
THOSE
MONSTERS
WITH OUR
NUMBERS!

DON'T BE
STUPID! WE
DON'T HAVE
ANYWHERE
TO RETREAT
TO!

IT'S NO GOOD!
WE CAN'T HOLD
OUT FOR MUCH
LONGER!
RETREAT!

IT'S
OKAY
NOW.

N. NO...
I DON'T
WANT TO
DIE...

RETREAT
WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED!
IF YOU'RE A
SOLDIER,
FIGHT WITH
YOUR LIFE
ON THE
LINE!



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CLESS
AGE 18





OY.

AND
SHARUMI,
THE ONLY ONE
WHO HEARD
MY PLEAS FOR
HELP, WAS
THE ELDEST
DAUGHTER OF
THAT RAFAED
FAMILY.



THEY
WERE
FAMOUS
TO THE
POINT
THAT
EVERY-
ONE IN
THE
COUNTRY
KNEW
THEIR
NAME.

THE PERSON
WHO SAVED
CLESS WAS A
NOBLE OF THE
PRESTIGIOUS
RAFAED
FAMILY. THEY
HAD SERVED
THE ROYAL
FAMILY SINCE
THE FOUNDING
DAYS OF THE
KINGDOM.

NOBLE'S
DAUGHTER
SHARUMI

SHE HAD
A BIT OF
A STUB-
BORN
SIDE BUT
WAS A
REALLY
KIND
GIRL.

SHE WAS A
STRANGE KID.
SHE TREATED
NOT ONLY US,
BUT ALL OF
THE PEOPLE
LIVING IN THE
SLUMS NOR-
MALLY AND
WITHOUT DIS-
CRIMINA-
TION.

OY
KIDS.
Wanna
play?

FOR SOME
REASON, SHE
CONTINUED
TO VISIT AND
PLAY WITH
US EVEN
AFTER CLESS
RECOVERED.

REGARD-
LESS, I

FELT
RELIEVED
BECAUSE I
COULD SEE
OUR LIVES
BECOMING A
BIT EASIER.

THEY
PROBABLY
THOUGHT WE
WERE HER
FRIENDS...
SERVANTS.

AS WE
SPENT
MORE TIME
WITH HER,
THE
NUMBER OF
PEOPLE
WHO TOR-
MENTED US
DECREASED
PRACTICAL-
LY.



HE MUST HAVE BEEN DEPRESSED OVER THAT FACT AND COULDN'T TRULY BE HAPPY.

ALTHOUGH WE WERE NO LONGER TORMENTED, THAT WAS NOT THE CASE FOR THE REST OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SLUMS.



BUT OLSSA'S FACE WAS STILL DARK.

HE SAID THAT EVEN IF SOMEONE DID WANT TO GET RID OF DISCRIMINATION, THE PEOPLE WON'T HELP HIM. THEY CAN'T.

AND IF PEOPLE CAN'T BE AT PEACE, THEN THEY SPEND ALL THEIR TIME ON JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE THE DAY. THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO START SOMETHING NEW.



HE-CHUN, I HEARD FROM OSSAN.

AS LONG AS THERE ARE MONSTERS IN THE WORLD, PEOPLE CAN'T BE AT PEACE.



I'M GOING TO BECOME A GREAT WARRIOR LIKE SHARLAW'S DAD AND RID THE WORLD OF THE MONSTER'S THREAT.

HE-CHUN, I WANT TO GROW UP AND BECOME A SOLDIER OF THIS COUNTRY.

HE SAID THAT IF THE OBSTACLES CALLED MONSTERS WERE TO DISAPPEAR AND PEOPLE FOUND PEACE AGAIN, THIS COUNTRY WILL BECOME A BETTER PLACE.

AT 8 YEARS OLD, OLSSA SET OUT ON THE PATH THAT HE HAD CHOSEN FOR HIMSELF.



Y, YEA...





AT 16, HE JOINED THE ARMY, AND AT 18, HE ROSE TO PLATOON LEADER.

SINCE THEN, CLASS TRAINED DAILY WITHOUT MISSING A SINGLE DAY.



EVERYONE PROBABLY FORGOT THAT THEY USED TO BULLY HIM.

THINGS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN HOW THEY USED TO BE.



I SAW YOU AS I WAS PASSING BY. ARE YOU WELL?

YES.



HEY HELLO.

HELLO? RAPPAID -SAN.



HOM, I CAN GET A GOOD VIEW FROM HERE.



BUT WHAT AMAZING CHEERS.

NO, I KNOW THAT I'M RIGHT. EVERYONE IS BEING DRAWN IN BY HIS CHARISMA.



I DOUBT EVEN I CAN MATCH HIM ANYMORE.

THAT CHILD WHO USED TO BE SO SMALL. NOW HE HAS BECOME A WARRIOR WHO CAN EASILY DEFEAT MONSTERS THAT ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE TROUBLE WITH.

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME.

FU FU

NO WAY. YOU EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM HIM.

IT SEEMS CLESS HAS DONE SOMETHING GREAT THIS TIME AS WELL.

EVERY TIME THAT CHILD TAKES PART IN SOMETHING, I FEEL AS IF THE COUNTRY IS GROWING BRIGHTER.

THE COUNTRY'S SAVOR? HAHA... THAT SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD.

CLESS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. HE WILL DEFINITELY BECOME STRONGER.

HE MAY EVEN BECOME THE SAVOR OF THIS COUNTRY ONE DAY.



AH ...
HELCK, SOME-TIMES.



WELL, I'M SPEAKING ONLY FROM INTUITION BUT...

I SENSE A STRENGTH IN YOU THAT I CAN'T QUITE DESCRIBE ...



UH OH, THAT'S TROUBLE. I HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK.

HELCK! WHERE ARE YOU DON'T GO GOOFING AROUND WHEN YOU SHOULD BE WORKING!

IT SEEMS I'VE KEPT YOU. I APOLOGIZE.

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COULD IT BE THAT YOU ALSO... POSSESS STRENGTH THAT RIVALS CLESS'?



I SEE. YOUR WORK IS IMPORTANT AS WELL SO DO YOUR BEST.

SORRY, BUT I THINK THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANUAL LABOR THAT I'M DOING NOW IS WHAT SUITS ME BEST.

THE MONSTER THREAT IS GROWING DAILY. I THOUGHT THAT HAVING ANOTHER PERSON WITH CLESS' STRENGTH WOULD BE VERY REASSURING.



HA ...

NO WAY. MY BODY IS JUST BIG FROM WORKING.

I CAN'T EVEN TOUCH CLESS WHEN IT COMES TO SWORDSMANSHIP. AND I'M A TOTAL NOVICE AT FIGHTING.



DEFIANT-SAN MAY HAVE NOTICED THE POWER OF A HERO THAT EVEN I WASN'T AWARE OF BACK THEN.



CLESS
AND
CHARLIE-
M...



WHAT'S
THIS
MONT?



OHAY?



HIM,
SINCE
WHEN...

THOSE
TWO MUST
HAVE
GOTTEN
CLOSE.



I FEEL
LIKE I
CAN SEE
SOME-
THING
FLOATING
AROUND
THEM...



BUT YOUR
BROTHER
WILL CHEER
FOR YOU,
CLESS!

BUT
WOULDN'T A
PRESTIG-
IOUS
NOBLE BE
A PATH OF
THORNS?



THAT
APPLIES
TO BOTH
BROTHERS.

BUT
NI-SAN IS
ALWAYS
SINGING.



SORRY
FOR
MAKING
YOU WAIT,
NI-SAN. I
RAN INTO
HER BY
COINCIDENCE.

HEY
SHIR-
UAM,
CLASS.



OF COURSE,
YOUR BROTHER
IS GRINNING TO
HIMSELF.



NI-SAN,
LET'S GO
TO THE
USUAL
PLACE.

SURE
THING!

I'LL TAG
ALONG
TOO--

WE COULDN'T
MEET OFTEN DUE
TO WORK, BUT
WE ALWAYS
WATCHED OUR
SCHEDULES SO
WE COULD GRAB
A BITE TO EAT.

IN THOSE
DAYS, I HAD
TO LIVE SEPA-
RATED FROM
CLASS, WHO
HAD BECOME
A SOLDIER OF
THE KINGDOM.



THERE WAS
STILL A LOT OF
PROBLEMS
THAT HADN'T
BEEN
RESOLVED,
BUT THOSE
DAYS WITH
THE THREE OF
US WERE
TRULY HAPPY.



IT SEEMS THERE WILL BE A LOT OF STRONG MONSTERS THIS TIME SO I MIGHT NOT BE BACK FOR A WHILE...

I'M LEAVING FOR ANOTHER EXPEDITION IN TWO DAYS.

NI-SAN.

HM?



AH...
YEAH...

EH...

SINCE THERE'S SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME WHO WILL BE SAD IF YOU DIE.

I SEE... WELL I KNOW THAT YOU WON'T LOSE TO ANY MONSTER BUT DON'T BE RECKLESS.



YEAH.

MAKE SURE YOU RETURN.

BUT I WAS UNABLE TO MEET UP WITH CUBES.



NI-SAN, WHEN I GET BACK, LET'S EAT TOGETHER AGAIN. I WANT TO EAT YOUR COOKING.



SURE THING. THEN I'LL WELCOME YOU BACK WITH A SPECIAL STAMINA DISH.



ONLY
RARELY SEEN TWO WEEKS
MONSTERS SPURRED IN AFTER
GLASS LEFT ON HIS EXPEDITION,
VARIOUS PARTS OF
THE COUNTRY, DRIVING
UP THE
NUMBER OF
CASUALTIES.

SINCE THE
REGULAR ARMY
LACKED THE
NUMBERS TO
DEAL WITH THIS
NEW THREAT,
THE KINGDOM
DRAFTED ALL
YOUNG AND
HEALTHY MEN
INTO SERVICE.

I WAS
ALSO
DRAFTED
INTO THE
MONSTER
SUBJUGA-
TION
FORCES
AND HAD TO
LEAVE THE
KINGDOM.



THE ROAD
WAS ROUGH
AND DANGEROUS.
BUT THE
THOUGHT OF
THE RELATIVELY
SMALL
DANGER IN
BATTLE MADE
ME RELIEVED.

THE DESTINATION
WAS A
RUGGED
MOUNTAINOUS
REGION
NEAR THE
BORDER.

SINCE IT WAS
DIFFICULT TO
SEND REINFORCEMENTS
THERE, MORE
TROOPS WERE
DISPATCHED
THAN NORMAL
FROM THE
BEGINNING.

HOW-
EVER



To be continued



ALRIGHT,
WE REST
HERE. WE
LEAVE IN
10 MIN-
UTES.







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A HUGE
BODY FIVE
TIMES THE
SIZE OF A
HUMAN.

A DISGUST-
ING BLACK
SHAPE
WITH
PURPLE
SKIN.

EDIL,
GET UP!
HURRY
AND RUN!

IT'S ROAR
THAT
MADE THE
GROUND
TREMBLE
PLANTED
FEAR.

AND ITS
EASILY
BLOATED
MUSCLES
KILLED WITH
A SINGLE
STRIKE.

W, WHAT...
WHAT IS THAT
THING...!!

PEOPLE OR
MONSTERS, IT
ATTACKS WITHOUT
DISTINCTION AND
GROWS STRONG-
ER AND MORE
VIOLENT THE
MORE IT FIGHTS.

OCCASIONALLY
SHOWING UP
WHERE THE
POISON IS THE
THickest, AN
EXISTENCE THAT
DEFIES FROM
ORDINARY
ADVENTURES.

NEW
WORLD
ORGANISM

SO THAT'S
WHERE HILCK
ENCOUNTERED
THEM...



JUST ENCOUNTERING ONE IS ENOUGH TO MAKE THE AVERAGE PERSON FLEE OUT FROM FEAR.

THE FACT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO TELL HIS COMPRADE TO RUN IS AMAZING.

I'M NOT SURPRISED. EVEN THE EMPIRE'S WARRIORS FEAR THE NEW WORLD ORGANISM.



IT WAS A TERRIFYING SIGHT. I COULDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT FIGHTING AND JUST WANTED TO RUN.



RECKLESS



BUT SOME PEOPLE WERE STILL ALIVE. I COULDN'T JUST RUN AWAY ON MY OWN. I TURNED TO FACE THAT MONSTER IN DESPERATION.



LIGHT!



SO! HURRY AND RUN!



ITS BLOWE WERE HEAVY AND MORE PAINFUL THAN I COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED. I FELT AS IF A SINGLE HIT WOULD KNOCK ME UNCONSCIOUS.



"I'LL BUY TIME FOR EVERYONE TO ESCAPE"

WITH THAT DETERMINATION, I ENDURED.



I COULDN'T LET MYSELF FALL.



HAAAA!

IN THE NEXT
MOMENT, I
FOUGHT
BACK.



AND THEN
I HAD A
FLASH.



"THIS
ISN'T
AS
BAD
AS
I
THOUGHT
IT."



AND
HIT
BACK.



GET
HIT.



HIT
BACK.



GET
HIT.



SO I JUST
BLINDLY
BEAT THE
CRAP OUT
OF IT.

I HAD NO
KNOW-
EDGE OF
MARTIAL
ARTS.



AND I
WON.



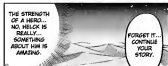
I DON'T THINK
THAT I'D BEAT
IT. I WAS PRE-
PARED TO DIE
SO GETTING
OUT OF THAT
ALIVE WAS
GREAT.



EVEN
NEWBORN
HATCHLINGS
OF THOSE
THINGS TAKE
SEVERAL
LEVEL 50 OR
HIGHER OF
THE EMPIRE'S
PEOPLE TO
TAKE DOWN.

YOU
KNOW,

EH?



THE STRENGTH
OF A HERO...
NO, HELOK IS
REALLY...
SOMETHING
ABOUT HIM IS
AMAZING.

FORGET IT...
CONTINUE
YOUR
STORY.



BUT NO
MATTER
HOW
STRONG I
WAS, MY
BODY WAS
A MESS
FROM ALL
THAT BEAT-
ING.



...THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE.

OUR SUBJUGATION UNIT ORIGINALLY SET OUT TO LIBERATE EDIL'S VILLAGE FROM THE MONSTERS.

I'VE MENTIONED EDIL TO YOU BEFORE, HAVEN'T I?
THAT EDIL.



BOTH OUR COMMANDING OFFICER AND PLATOON LEADER ARE DEAD. ALL THAT'S LEFT ARE REGULAR SOLDIERS.



WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER WITH JUST US. I APOLOGIZE, BUT WE'LL WITHDRAW HERE.



BUT THEY SLOWLY LOST GROUND AGAINST THE ENDLESSLY SPREADING ENEMY AND WERE IN AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SITUATION.

IN THE BEGINNING, THEY MANAGED TO MAKE DO WITH THEIR VILLAGE HELPS.

EDIL HAD COME TO THE CAPITAL TO PETITION FOR TROOPS IN ORDER TO SAVE HIS VILLAGE.

EDIL WAS THE SON OF A LORD WHO PRESIDED OVER A TOWN NEAR THE BORDER.

IN THOSE TRYING TIMES, THE ABNORMAL ACTIVITY OF THE MONSTERS ALSO REACHED EDIL'S VILLAGE.

















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YEP.

WE WERE
FLEEING BY
WHEN WE SAW
THE SMOKE
AND ENDED UP
FIGHTING.



I SEE...
YOU ARE...
MERCENARIES.



THESE
PEOPLE CAME
TO OUR AID.
THE OTHER
PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN EVACUATED
TO THE
MANOR.



USUALLY, WE
FIGHT AFTER
DRAWING UP A
CONTRACT. BUT
WHATEVER,
THIS ONE'S A
FREER.

MERCENARY BAND
LEADER

ALICIA



MERCENARY.
THEY ARE
PEOPLE WHO
FIGHT BAND-
ITS, WILD
BEASTS, AND
MONSTERS
FOR MONEY.

THESE
DAYS, SINCE
THE MONSTER
THREAT WAS
NO LONGER
THREAT, THERE
WERE
MANY
MERCENARY
BANDS THAT
SPECIALIZED
IN THEM.



HER NAME
WAS ALICIA.
SHE TOO,
WAS A
MERCENARY
WHO
SPECIALIZED
IN MONSTERS
AND THE
LEADER OF
HER BAND.



COULD YOU
LEND US
YOUR
STRENGTH?

THE MONSTERS
WILL BE BACK!
WE NEED
SOLDIERS TO
PROTECT THE
VILLAGE!



THIS PLACE DOESN'T
EVEN HAVE PROPER
SOLDIERS ANYMORE.
AND THE WALLS
ARE COMPLETELY
DESTROYED.
DEFENDING IT WILL
BE DIFFICULT.

YOU KNOW THAT
THE MONSTERS
ARE SPREADING
ABNORMALLY
FAST THESE
DAYS, RIGHT?

TO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH,
I'D RECOM-
MEND ABAN-
DONING THE
VILLAGE AND
EVACUATING.

EVEN NOW,
MANY VILLAGES
ARE BEING
DESTROYED
BY THOSE
MONSTERS.



ABANDON THE
NOTION OF
DYING WITH
YOUR VILLAGE.
SURVIVE AND
YOU CAN
REBUILD.

...FINE.

WELL, YOUR
FACE SAYS
OTHERWISE.



BUT IF THE
SITUATION
IS DEEMED
HOPELESS, WE
WILL RETREAT
WITHOUT
HESITATION.

ONCE WE
ACCEPT THE
REQUEST,
WE WILL
DEFEND IT
WITH
EVERYTHING
WE HAVE.

IF THAT
HAPPENS,
YOU GUYS
RUN AS
WELL.



GUYS
NOT.

HEY LEADER,
MOST PEOPLE
AREN'T GOING
TO JUST GET
UP AND LEAVE
THEIR VILLAGE
BEHIND.



FINE, BUT I
HAVE A
CONDITION.



IF THE
STRENGTH
THAT I SAW
BEFORE IS
REAL... WE
MAY FIND A
WAY OUT.



AND ONE
MORE.

LEND
ME THAT
TOPLESS
SOLDIER.



NO,
HELIX-SAN
DIDN'T
ENLIST,
HE...

ALRIGHT.



I CAME
HERE TO
DEFEAT THE
MONSTERS.
HOWEVER
YOU SEE FIT.



THERE'S NO
TIME. WE'RE
HAVING A
STRATEGY
MEETING
IMMEDIATELY.

OKAY,
CONTRACT
COMPLETE.



HELIX
-SAN...

AND THAT'S
HOW MY
DAILY LIFE OF
CONSTANT
BATTLES
BEGAN...





WE HAD TO ALWAYS BE ON ALERT SO THAT WE COULD FIGHT AT ANY TIME.

IT WAS A DIFFICULT LIFE, WE COULDN'T RELAX AT ALL.





...YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THEIR LIVES WERE ON THE LINE AFTER ALL.

EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEANT EVERYONE WAS DESPERATE BACK THEN.



THEY CAME AT US IN PROVES. MANY OF THEM WERE PRETTY DIFFICULT TO HANDLE, BUT NONE OF US FLED.



NO, THAT SOUNDS PRETTY RELAXED.



AND AUCIA, WITH HER HIGH BATTLE SENSE, WHO SAVED HER COMPRADES FROM DANGER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND NEVER GAVE UP NO MATTER THE SITUATION.



ALL OF THE MERCENARIES WERE CHEERFUL AND ENERGETIC. THEY COMPLAINED OFTEN BUT WOULD STILL BRAVELY GO INTO BATTLE AGAINST THE MONSTERS.



EDIL ALWAYS PUT THE PEOPLE AND HIS COMPRADES FIRST. ALWAYS GIVING HIS ALL, MORE SO THAN ANYONE, HE BROUGHT LIFE TO THE GROUP.





.....



THEY WERE
GOOD
PEOPLE.
THE BEST
COM-
RADES.



I COULD
FIGHT WHILE
FACING FOR-
WARD WITH-
OUT FEELING
DISCOUR-
AGED.

EVEN
DURING
THOSE
HARSH
TIMES, I
COULD
SMILE
BECAUSE I
HAD THEM
BY MY
SIDE.



YEAH.

WHEN
THIS
NEST WAS
DIFFICULT
TOO.



WE HAVE
TO DO
OUR
BEST.

OUT OF
THE TEN
THAT WE'VE
CONFERRED,
ONLY THREE
ARE LEFT.
ONCE WE
DESTROY
THOSE,
THIS AREA
SHOULD
BECOME A
BIT MORE
PEACEFUL.



CAN YOU EVEN CALL IT THAT?

WHO KNOWS, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY SPECIALTY.



HMP?

FL...



WITH THAT SAID, YOU'RE REALLY STRONG. EVEN YOUR WOUNDS HEAL QUICKLY. JUST WHAT KIND OF BODY DO YOU HAVE?



WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE A BUNCH OF LIES BUT THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.

AND APPARENTLY, A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, MY ANCESTOR WAS A HERO WHO FOUGHT DEMONS BEFORE THIS COUNTRY WAS EVEN FOUNDED.

HEROES AND DEMONS, HUH. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M HEARING OF THEM OUTSIDE OF BOOKS.



SO WAS MY GRANDFATHER, GREAT GRANDFATHER, GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER, AND SO ON. THEY WERE ALL MERCENARIES.

MY DAD WAS ALSO A MERCENARY.



WHETHER OR NOT
MY OPPONENT
WAS A MAN, I
WAS CONFIDENT
THAT I WOULDN'T
LOSE TO ANYONE
IN A FIGHT.



YOU'RE REALLY
STRONG.
I LOST A
BIT OF MY
CONFIDENCE.

BUT... I
JUST
THINK
THERE'S
ALWAYS
SOMEONE
ABOVE YOU.



...NO THAT'S NOT
TRUE. I'M JUST BRUTE
STRENGTH. I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO USE A
SWORD OR BOW AT
ALL. YOU'RE MORE...



I WAS
TRAINED
BY MY DAD
SO I WAS
CONFIDENT
IN MY
SWORDSMAN-
SHIP AND
ARCHERY.

WELL, I'M
SAYING
THAT I'M
FROM A
WARRIOR
FAMILY, A
WARRIOR
BLOOD-
LINE.



AND I KNOW.
DID YOU THINK
I WOULDN'T
NOTICE THAT
YOU'RE ALWAYS
WATCHING
WHAT'S GOING
ON AROUND YOU
WHEN YOU
FIGHT?

WEAPONS DON'T
MATTER! WHAT
I'M DEPRESSED
ABOUT IS BEING
WEAKER THAN
YOU EVEN WHEN
I'M GIVING IT
EVERYTHING I
HAVE!



HUA...?
ALICIA...?

TO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH...
EVER SINCE
I MET YOU,
MY PRIDE IS
IN TATTERS.

...IT'S
REALLY
WEIRD.



FOR ME, THE
BEST I CAN
DO IS FOCUS
ON THE MON-
STER THAT'S
IN FRONT OF
ME. I CAN'T
FOIGHT LIKE
YOU.

THE
MONSTERS
HERE WERE
A LOT MORE
DIFFICULT
THAN USUAL.



...



BUT,
IT IS
WHAT
IT IS.

YOU'RE
WONDERFUL.
YOU'LL
DEFINITELY
BE ABLE TO
SAVE EVEN
MORE
PEOPLE.

YOU
HAVE THE
STRENGTH
AND HEART
TO DO IT.



BUT IF
IT'S YOU,
THEN EVEN
PEOPLE LIKE
THEM CAN BE
SAVED.

THERE
WAS A
PERSON
WHO I
COULDN'T
SAVE. NO
MATTER
HOW HARD
I TRIED OR
STILL-
ALSO.

THERE'S A
LIMIT TO
WHAT I
CAN DO.



REALLY,
THANK
YOU.

HELLO.



IF YOU
WEREN'T
HERE, WE
WOULDN'T
HAVE
BEEN ABLE
TO KEEP
FIGHTING
UNTIL
NOW.

MY
COMRADES
PROBABLY
COULDN'T
LIVE TO SEE
TODAY
EITHER.



GOT IT, LEADER.



EVEN AFTER WE SAVE THIS VILLAGE, I WON'T LET YOU GO BACK TO BEING A REPERMAN OR THE ARMY. LET'S KEEP FIGHTING TOGETHER!



HELCK?

HEY,



FOUR YEARS I THINK... WE FOUGHT WITHOUT REST.

I ENDED UP SLAYING MONSTERS WITH THEM. EVEN AFTER IT WAS OVER.

I WAS PLANNING ON RETURNING TO THE KINGDOM ONCE THE TIME WAS RIGHT BUT...



OH... SORRY.

I SPACED OUT THERE.



.....



IN THE MIST OF
THAT DESPERING
SITUATION, THE
KINGDOM'S
ANNOUNCEMENT
SHINED A RAY OF
HOPE ON THE
PEOPLE.



THE LOSSES
CONTINUED
TO PILE ON IN
VARIOUS PARTS OF
THE COUNTRY AND
ALL WE COULD
DO WAS TO
TEMPORARILY
THIN THEIR
NUMBERS.

BUT THE
MONSTERS
SHOWED NO
SIGN OF
SLOWING
DOWN.




ONCE WE
DEFEAT THE
DEMON KING,
THE ROOT OF
ALL EVIL, THE
MONSTERS WILL
NEVER APPEAR
BEFORE US
AGAIN!



THROUGH
AN ANCIENT
DOCUMENT,
WE HAVE
DISCOVERED
THAT A
DEMON
CASTLE IS
LOCATED
THERE!

THE LAND
OF DEATH
THAT LIES
TO THE
WEST, THE
DEMON
WORLD!



WE WILL CARRY OUT THE EXTERMINATION
OF THE DEMON KING!



AND THE
KING
GAVE
THAT
TASK TO A
SINGLE
WARRIOR.



NO... IT
WASN'T
US...

JOURNEY
WITH YOUR
COMRADES
AND RETURN
ONCE YOU
DEFEAT HIM.

YOU ARE THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN STAND
AGAINST DEMON
KING TOORU,
THE KING OF
THE MONSTERS.

GO FORTH,
HERO
CLESS.

BRING
BACK
PEACE TO
THE
WORLD!

THIS WAS
ONLY A
FEW
MONTHS
AGO.

CLESS SET
OUT ON A
JOURNEY
TO DEFEAT
THE DEMON
KING.

To be continued







IF IT'S
CLESS, HE
WILL DEFIN-
ITELY,
DEFEAT THE
DEMON KING
AND BRING
PEACE TO THE
WORLD.

Helck

Chapter 41: Helck's Past VI

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VILLAGE AT THE FOOT
OF THE ROYAL CAPITAL



THE NEWS
THAT CLESS
HAD DEFEAT-
ED THE
DEMON
KING,
WAS
THREE
WEEKS
LATER.



AFTER A
DESPERATE
STRUGGLE,
CLESS
STOPPED
THE DEMON
KING'S

LAND OF
DEATH,
COUNTLESS
MONSTERS,
AND THE
DEMON
KING.

HIS
HEROIC
TALE
SPREAD
FAR AND
WIDE.

FORWARD
WITH HIS
SWORD AND
DEFEATED
HIM BOLD-
LY.





AND
EVERY-
ONE
JOINED
HANDS
IN
CHEER.

BOTH
NOBLES
AND THE
POOR
WORE
SMILES ON
THEIR
FACES.

VOICES
PRAISING
CLESS
WERE
EVERY-
WHERE.

IN THE
CASTLE
VILLAGE, A
PARADE
OPENED IN
CELEBRATION.



BUT...

THE
VILLAGE
OVER-
FLOWED
WITH THE
JOYS
OF ITS
PEOPLE.

THE
WORLD
FOUND
PEACE.



BE-
CAUSE
...



CLESS!



I COULDN'T
BE HAPPY.

DURING
THAT TIME
MY MIND
WAS IN
TUMMOR.





WE'VE
MANAGED
TO SAVE HIS
LIFE BUT THE
SITUATION
IS STILL
DANGEROUS.



BUT YOU CAN'T
DIE. YOUR
BROTHER
WOULDN'T FORGIVE
YOU IF YOU
DO...

CLESS... YOU
REALLY
WORKED HARD.

CLESS WAS
SEVERELY
WOUNDED IN
HIS BATTLE
WITH THE
DEMON KING.

AND WAS
AFFECTED
BY AN
UNKNOWN
POISON.

IT'S OKAY...
IT'S OKAY...
CLESS WILL
DEFINITELY GET
BETTER.



GAH
...

HELCK
...





HELLO...
DO YOU
REMEMBER
ME?



WHAT...?
HE IS...?



HELLO,
DO YOU
HAVE A
MOMENT?



THE DOCTOR
WHO SAVED
GLESS...



IT WAS
ON THAT
SNOWY
DAY.



HELLO...
ARCHBISHOP
IS JUST A
TITLE.

I WASN'T OF
USE AT ALL
AGAINST THE
DEMON KING.



THIS PERSON IS
ARCHBISHOP. HE
FOUGHT ALONG-
SIDE GLESS
AGAINST THE
DEMON KING.

I SEE...
SO YOU
WERE THE
ARCHBISHOP.

I DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
YOU TO
THINK YOU
WOULD
GROW
UP SO
HEALTHY.

I APOLOGIZE.
IF WE WERE
STRONGER,
CLESS MAY NOT
HAVE ENDED
UP...



...ALL WE
COULD DO
WAS WATCH
AS TO NOT
GET IN HIS
WAY.

ALREADY, IT
WAS A FIGHT
THAT WAS
ABOVE AND
BEYOND OUR
OWN POWER.
AS COMRADES
OF THE HERO
CLASS, WE
WERE PRE-
PARED TO LAY
DOWN OUR
LIVES. BUT...

THE BATTLE
WAS ONE
THAT WENT
BEYOND IMAGI-
NATION.

.....



I WILL
NOT LET
HIM DIE

CLESS USED THE
LAST GLANCE OF
HIS STRENGTH TO
DEFEAT THE DEMON
KING. HE SAFE-
GUARDED OUR
FUTURE.

NO, I
COULD
NEVER

DON'T
REGRET
THEM.

BUT IF THEY
WEREN'T WITH
HIM, CLESS
WOULD NOT
HAVE MADE IT
BACK ALIVE.



.....

I WILL...
LEAVE HIM IN
YOUR CARE...

THIS TIME
AS WELL, I
WILL SAVE
CLESS...
I
MUST...







ALTHOUGH
SEVERAL DAYS
HAD PASSED
SINCE THE
DEMON KING
WAS DEFEAT-
ED, THE MON-
STERS DID NOT
DISAPPEAR.

RATHER, THEY
FLOCKED
IN GREAT
NUMBER TO
THE CAPITAL,
FROM THE
DIRECTION OF
THE DEMON
CASTLE.

H! HURRY
AND SEND
WORD
TO THE
CAPITAL!

MONSTERS!
A RIDICU-
LOUS
NUMBER
TOO...!
WHAT'S
GOING ON!





SO NOW WERE GONE.
EVERYONE'S
FALLING IN
TO PANIC.

WHAT IS
THIS...



FIGHT
THE MON-
STERS!

OY!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON!

BRING
OUT
CLESS!



ISN'T IT TRUE
THAT YOU
JUST RAN?

DIDN'T THE
DEMON KING
DIE? WHY
ARE THERE
STILL MON-
STERS!



SO WHY
ARE THERE
MONSTERS
THEN!

STOP
SPOUT-
ING NON-
SENSE!



INSOLENT
CUR!
THERE'S NO
DOUBT THAT
THE DEMON
KING WAS
DEFEATED!!



THEY'RE
GONNA
BREAK
THROUGH
THE WALLS AT
THIS
RATE!

CLESS
-GAMA!



NO! CLESS IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT!

CLESS! BRING OUT CLESS! HAVE HIM FIGHT!



CLESS-SAMA! PLEASE SAVE US!



DON'T PRETEND THAT YOU DON'T SEE US!

CLESS! COME OUT!

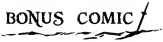




ALICIA, YOU
SAID THAT THE
MONSTERS
ARE COMING
FROM THE
DIRECTION OF
THE DEMON
CASTLE?



BONUS COMIC





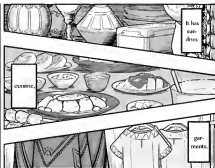
The vast
Green Desert
before our
eyes...



At its
entrance
to the
desert town
Palouse,
where many
peddlers
come
and go.



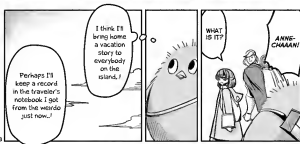
and
great
scenery.



It has
sare
dresses.

CURRIES.

gar-
ments.



Piuy's Sparkling Travel Journal





The obstinate shopkeeper's ice cream was extraordinarily tasty!

Green Desert's Strawberry Ice Cream

Green Desert's Chocolate Ice Cream

IT TASTES GREAT!!

MMM, TASTY.

Generic Grape Ice Cream



MANY STALLS COME OUT AT NIGHT AND IT GETS VERY CROWDED!

IT WAS CONSIDERED BAD LUCK TO BUILD HOUSES HERE, SO IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A PLAZA.

THIS PLACE IS PALOUSE PLAZA. THERE IS A LEGEND THAT IN THE OLDEN DAYS, THE STRANGE BIRD YUSTEH DIED HERE.



ANNE-CHAAAAN!

...



...I SEE. THANKS FOR TELLING ME PERSONALLY.



A kind citizen told us about the plaza.

NO... I DON'T KNOW HIM.

WAS THAT PERSON JUST NOW SOMEONE YOU KNEW??



There were tons of different things sold!



Fakouze Market!



① Green Desert Fox Ears
 ② Green Desert Cat Ears
 ③ Green Desert Rabbit Ears
 ④ Dogs

Each 200 L

THESE ARE THE REGION'S TRADITIONAL ANIMAL EARS!

BUY ONE!

NO, I DON'T WANT ONE.

BUY A SOLVER!

HEY, MISS!

I DON'T WANT ONE!

WELL, WHAT 'CHA THINK 'IT?

Pyoe...!

DOGS...!?

YOU'RE CHOPPING OFF TOO MUCH!

WELL, EVEN SOL'S FINE!

ACTUALLY, SOL.

DON'T SAY THAT!

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU FOR SOL!!

I DON'T WANT ONE! YOU'RE BLOODY PROBLEMATIC!



WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?



DO YOU HATE THEM?

AWW DARN IT! "TRADITIONAL ANIMAL EARS" MY ASS!
LET'S TAKE THOSE STUPID EARS OFF ALREADY..!



Wearing them isn't a big deal. Since these species exist...

Four-Land X Huhndel



He ultimately reduced it to even SL..!



WHAT?

The Rakutans reek!!



Rakutan Farm

IF YOU'RE TRAVERSING THE DESERT, I SUGGEST BUYING A RAKUTAN!

NOMADS AS WELL AS PEDDLERS ALL RELY ON RAKUTANS HERE!



YEP.

ANNE-CHAN! DON'T THEY REEK...!?



I SEE.

AND IF IT COMES TO IT, THEY CAN SERVE AS FOOD AS WELL!

ITS DUNG CAN ALSO SERVE AS FUEL THAT BURNS WELL.

A RAKUTAN WILL CARRY YOUR LUGGAGE.



A DOG...!!

FOR 4,000, YOU CAN'T BUY ANYTHING BESIDES THAT OVER THERE, HAY?



IT FEELS LIKE THAT'S THE FIRST ESSENTIAL THING TO BUY SINCE WE CAME TO THIS TOWN.

Balance: 8,000L

PLEASE GIVE IT LOTS OF LOVE!

THE CHEAPEST RAKUTAN IS 10,000L.

IF IT'S THE DOG, THEN I'M FINE WITH 200L.

THE DOG... IS FINE.

We gave up on the Rakutan!

BUT, HOW EXPENSIVE! WHAT IF THE MOST I CAN OFFER IS ABOUT 4,000L?







What the heck... am I doing..?



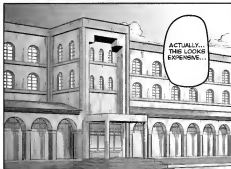
I'll make it okay for you!

If you don't mind, travelers, come stay at my place, okay?

You're travelers, right?



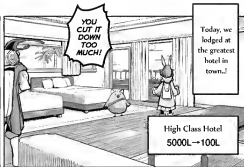
I was a great dancer!



ACTUALLY... THIS LOOKS EXPENSIVE...



OH!!



11



BONUS END



SO WHY
DO YOU
ALWAYS
SLEEP
BESIDE MY
FACE..?

PII?

ER...
NOTHING.





HELOX
V4 BONUS

TL/CL/TS NITORI
PR TIM

NIPEI CAKE

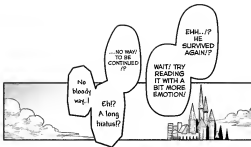
WELCOME TO THE HELIX GROUP

WE ARE ALWAYS
RECRUITING MEMBERS
FOR OUR GROUP. IF YOU
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CONSIDER HELIX GROUP.
APPLY AT FORHELOX.COM





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Omake End



HELOX
V4 OMAKE

TV/CL/TB NITORI
PR SWEET
PERSONALING

HELOX CAKE

HELOX V4 OMAKE
TV/CL/TB NITORI
PR SWEET
PERSONALING

WE ARE ALWAYS
RECRUITING MEMBERS
FOR OUR GROUP. IF YOU
WANT FASTER DELIVERY,
CONSIDER HELOX OMAKE.
APPLY AT FORHELOX.COM

Well
that's
because
I'm not a
bird!

**SOMETHING
THAT'S NOT A
BIRD!!**

Then
what
were you
doing just
now!?





Don't
give that
to me,
idiot!!

REM

SLEEP



Ah,
sorry.
Go
sleep.

PI?



Hey
you, your
Hero powers
have already
awakened!



Ah,
sorry.
It's
fine. Go
sleep.

PI?





Hm,
there
are giant
eggshells
every-
where.



Anne-
chaaan!
Look,
look!

There's
probably
something
here. Be
careful.



I'm
Pivy, you
know!!

**THIS ISN'T
THE TIME TO
SAY YOU
KNOW!!**



Swirl
Swirl

I'm
like a
chick!

So you
really are
a bird!



You're
wrong,
you know!!
I'm not a
bird, you
know!!

Pivyyyy!!



HELIX

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TL NITORI

CL/TS 0000

CAKE

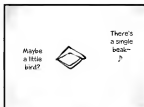
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CONSIDER HELIX GROUP.
APPLY AT FORKCAKE 1000

This is
delicious!!!

**STRICT AND
RIGID
THOUGHTS**





DRAWING SONG QUIZ



(Wikipedia)- In Japan, songs that describe how to draw ... are called "Eka-hi Uta". These songs ... help children remember how to draw something by incorporating drawing directions into the lyrics.

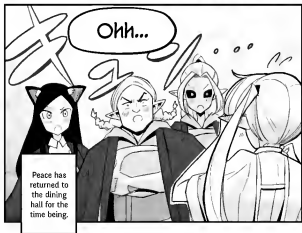
ROGOCO'S EYES



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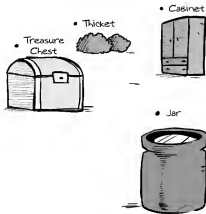


Piuy's Self-Portrait



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Find Piuy!



Where is Piuy hiding!!?

Try and Guess!!

← Solution on the next page

• Treasure Chest



• Thicket



• Cabinet



• Jar

